

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
December 1, 2004
6:00pm

Present: Kay Dyson, Mayor, Mary Nedrow Vice Mayor, Mark Baca and Pete Hunt.
Scott Cray, present by telephone conference.

Staff: Scott Garms Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Tim Shaffery and Edwardo Coronado Town Attorneys, James Hamblin Finance Dir. and Larisa Bogardus Community Development Dir.

Public: Judy Hayes (Independent), Betty Amator, Walter LaValley, Evelyn Arabie, Jeff Barbe, Roxanne Knight, Gary Kiehne, and Larry Jaeger.

1. Mayor Dyson called the meeting to order at 6:02pm with all members of the Town Council present including Councilman Scott Cray who was present by way of a telephone conference call wherein all parties could simultaneously communicate.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Baca, Invocation by Councilman Hunt.
3. Public Participation: None
4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports: Summary reports were given and no action taken on any matters mentioned.

Councilman Hunt commended the planning and zoning commission and Ms. Bogardus for an outstanding job and noted that they are making some positive steps forward.

Mayor Dyson acknowledged Bechtel for their holiday donation of \$500.00 to the Community Service's for the seniors, and Congressman Renzi for his assistance in getting \$100,000 of appropriations for the town. She briefly commented on the events taking place during the holidays.

Mr. Garms reported on meetings he recently attended. There will be a preconstruction meeting with Navopache regarding disabling the electricity to the old school and doing an electrical stub out in the park for future electrical use.

The second half of Mr. Slaysman's report should be completed and received by next week and will make repairs on the roof as well a construction meeting to make recommendations to the council on roofing structures.

5. Minutes: Consider approval of the minutes from the town council meeting held on November 17, 2004 at 6:00pm.

Motion by Pete Hunt/Mark Baca to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2004 meeting.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Pete Hunt

6. Ordinance #2004-020 – Second reading of Ordinance 2004-020 by reference amending the town tax code by increasing the tax rate on transient lodging.

Mayor Dyson read Ordinance 2004-020 for the second time. An Ordinance of the An Ordinance of the Town of Springerville, Arizona, relating to the privilege license tax; amending the town tax code by

increasing the tax rate on transient lodging; providing penalties for the violation thereof; providing for severability and designating an effective date.

Mayor Dyson suggested that this item be tabled if they are not able to reach Councilman Cray. She noted that the reason they are having the December first meeting is so that all of the council members could be here to vote.

Mr. Garms placed a telephone conference call to Councilman Cray so that he could participate in the discussion of the transient lodging tax.

Councilman Cray answered the phone and was advised that he was in a council meeting and was on a speaker phone to be heard by the public as well as council members, attorneys and staff.

7. Ordinance 2004-020: Consider adopting Ordinance # 2004-020 by reference, the public document amending the town tax code by increasing the tax rate on transient lodging.

Motion by Kay Dyson/Scott Cray to approve Ordinance #2004-020 amending the town tax code by increasing the tax rate on transient lodging by 1% for a total of 2% bed tax.

The motion was opened for discussion.

Mr. Kiehne stated that he would support the increase if these funds were earmarked or designated and put into a separate account to bring existing events to the community. He would like to see an advisory committee set up of business people in Springerville to oversee the distribution and would like to see a policy brought forward in writing.

Mayor Dyson assured them that this one percent would be set aside for special events and would not go into the general fund.

Mr. Garms explained that this is a model ordinance that came from the Department of Revenue and we cannot change it but suggested that if this passes a resolution can be brought forth in January with the conditions stipulated. This is an official policy for future councils to refer back to. The resolution would establish a committee and specify the policies.

Councilman Cray commented that he felt that they all agree in concept and stated that he was ready to move forward.

Councilman Hunt agreed and Councilman Baca said he would like to see the resolution come back in January.

Mayor Dyson called for a vote.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Mark Baca Scott Cray Pete Hunt
	Nays:	Mary Nedrow

Mr. Garms thanked Councilman Cray for participating and the telephone conference was ended.

8. Special Per Diem Compensation Request: Discussion and action concerning a per diem request by Councilman Cray.

Motion by Pete Hunt/Mark Baca to approve the special per diem request of \$150.00 for Councilman Cray for his attendance at the Governor's Rural Development Conference.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Mary Nedrow Mark Baca Pete Hunt
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9. Adjournment:

Motion by Kay Dyson/Pete Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Mary Nedrow Mark Baca Pete Hunt
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Kay Dyson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 2004. I further certify that the meeting was called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day December 1, 2004.

Town Clerk